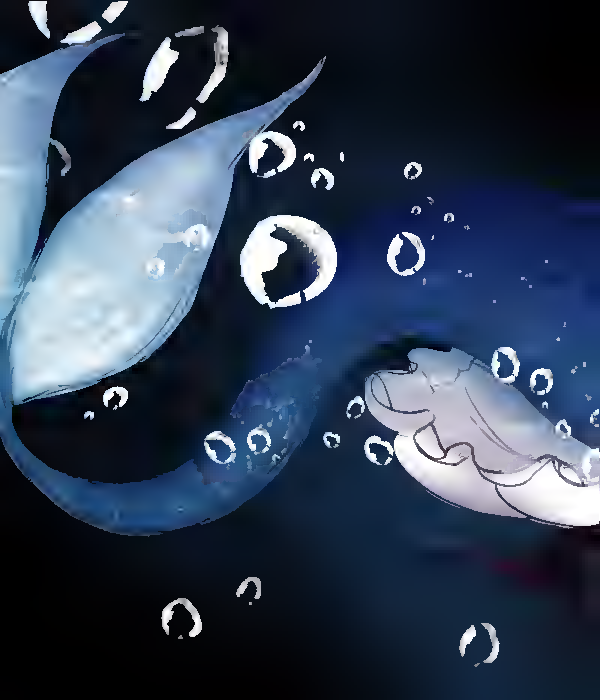
Please have your sound on for this chapter

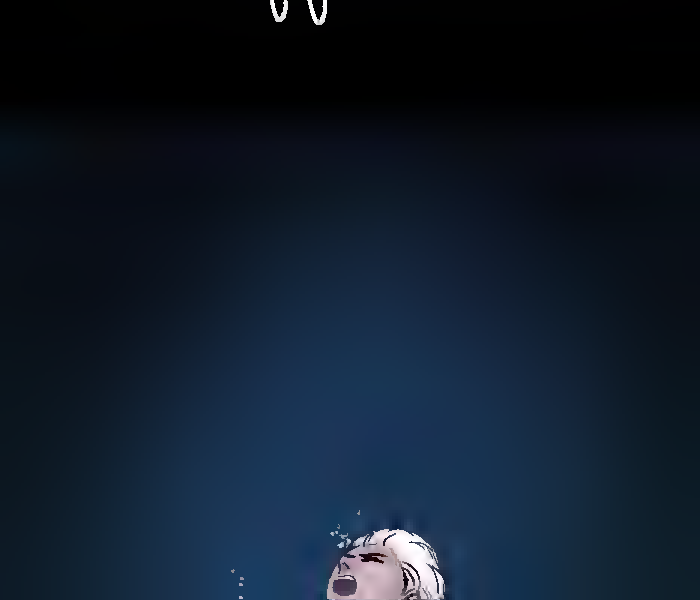
SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...

I CAN'T... SEEM TO MOVE...?



Swoop

FWSHH



Siren's Lament

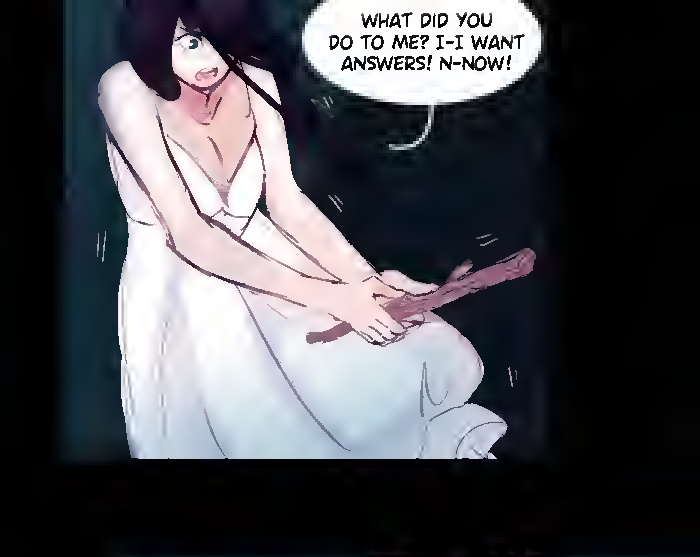
EPISODE 5: A BLESSING AND A CURSE

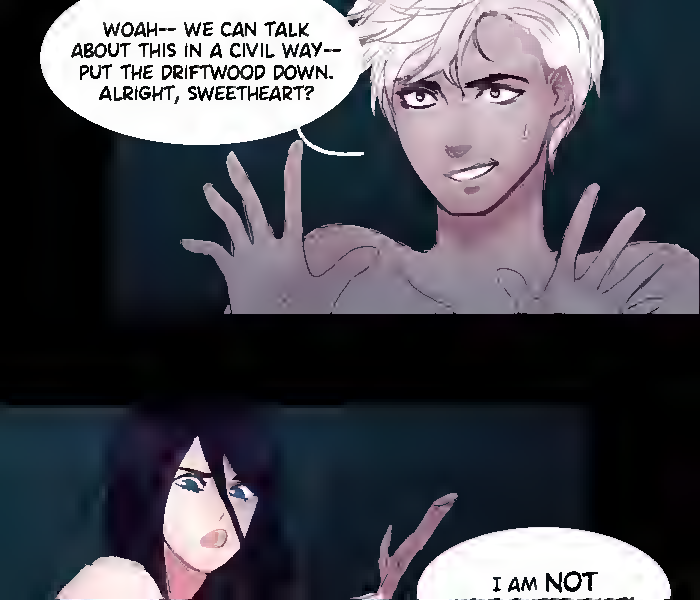
WSshhhhh
SFX!

DAMMIT! I
KNEW SOMETHING
WENT WRONG!

WHY THE HELL DIDN'T IT WORK--
tremble

W-WHAT...


WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME? I-I WANT ANSWERS! N-NOW!


WOAH-- WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS IN A CIVIL WAY-- PUT THE DRIFTWOOD DOWN. ALRIGHT, SWEETHEART?
I AM NOT

YOUR SWEETHEART!

... OKAY, FISH BAIT. JUST PUT THE STICK DOWN. HEAR ME OUT.

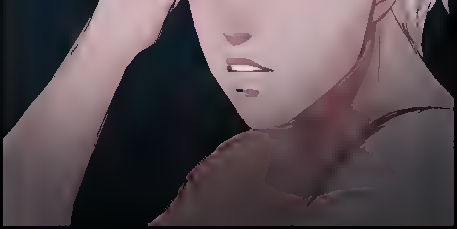
WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE? ... WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?

ARE YOU A... MERMAID OR SOMETHING?

scoff
FIRST OF ALL, WE IDENTIFY AS 'SIRENS.'
SECOND, I DON'T GET WHY YOU'RE TRYING

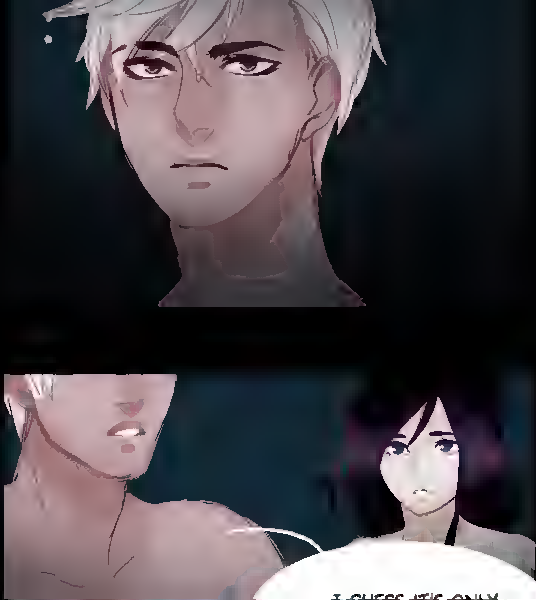
TO PLAY THE VICTIM HERE.

AGREEMENT...? I DID NOTHING OF THE SORT!

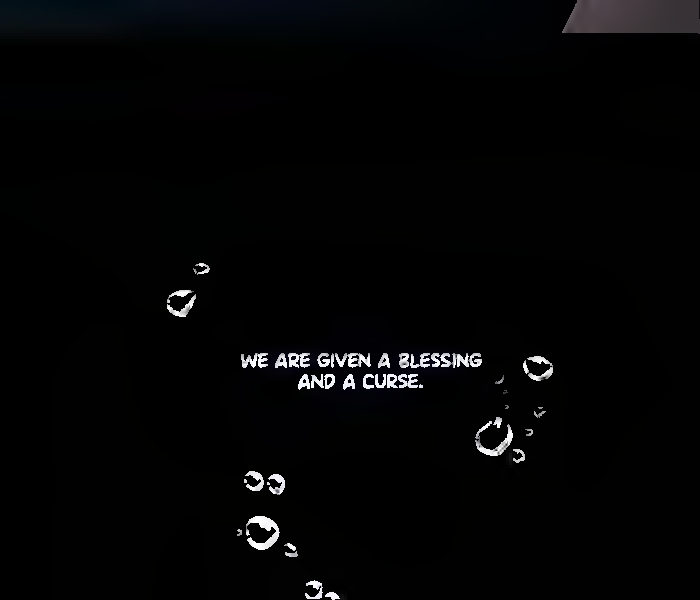


YOU... YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER, DO YOU?

NO, I DON'T-- IN FACT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING YOU'RE SAYING OR WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW!
MERMAIDS-- SIRENS-- THEY'RE MYTHOLOGICAL! THEY DON'T EXIST-- I-IT'S CRAZY TALK!


I GUESS IT'S ONLY

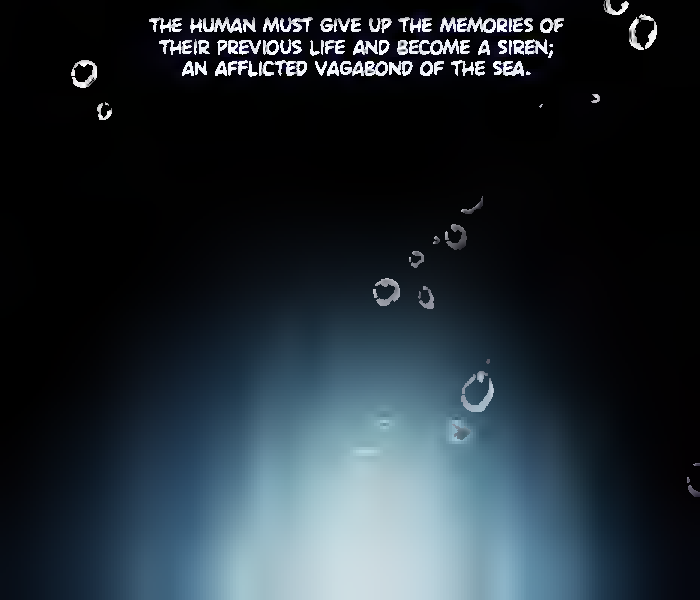
... I GUESS IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR YOU TO THINK THAT WAY.
BUT THE TRUTH IS, SIRENS WERE ALL ONCE ORIGINALLY HUMAN.
YOU SEE...

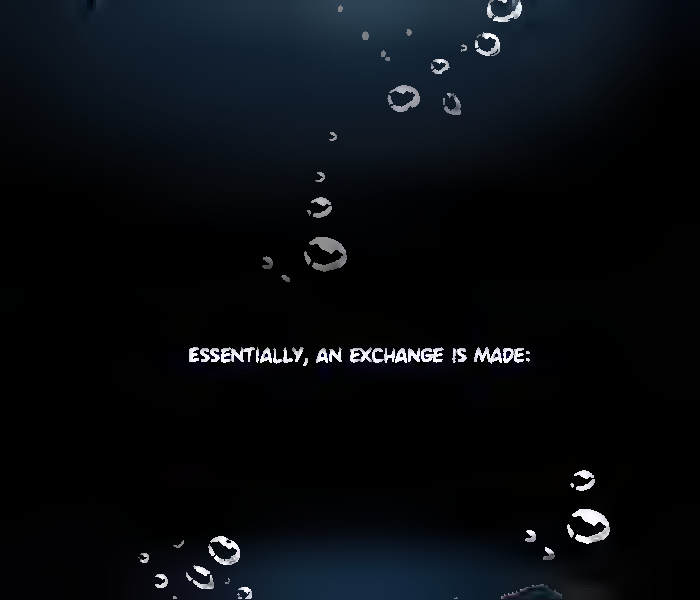

WE ARE GIVEN A BLESSING
AND A CURSE.

EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH THE END
OF A HUMAN LIFE...

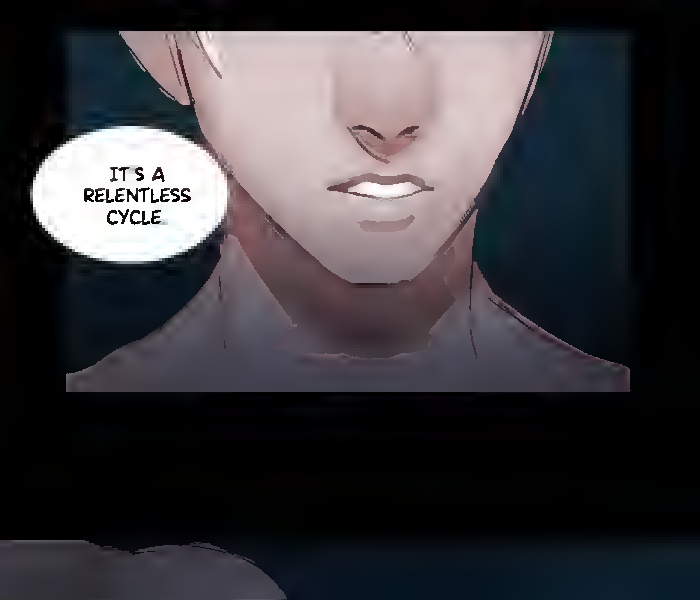
WHEN A HEARTBROKEN HUMAN IS ON THE BRINK OF DROWNING, A SIREN MAY OFFER A PROPOSAL...
"A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE..."

UNDER TWO CONDITIONS...


THE HUMAN MUST GIVE UP THE MEMORIES OF
THEIR PREVIOUS LIFE AND BECOME A SIREN;
AN AFFLICTED VAGABOND OF THE SEA.


ESSENTIALLY, AN EXCHANGE IS MADE:

A SIREN BECOMES A HUMAN AND
A HUMAN BECOMES A SIREN.


IT'S A
RELENTLESS
CYCLE

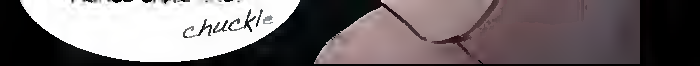
OR AT LEAST...
IT HAS BEEN... UP
UNTIL NOW.

WAIT BUT-- I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY SAY I WAS HEARTBROKEN-- A-AND I STILL HAVE MY MEMORIES!
HOW DO I KNOW IF I CAN BELIEVE ANYTHING YOUR SAYING RIGHT NOW?

HONESTLY, I'M JUST AS LOST AS YOU ARE. IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, HOW ELSE WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THIS?
W-WELL IF IT IS TRUE, YOU HAVE TO TAKE BACK THE DEAL! I DIDN'T AGREE TO ANY OF THIS!

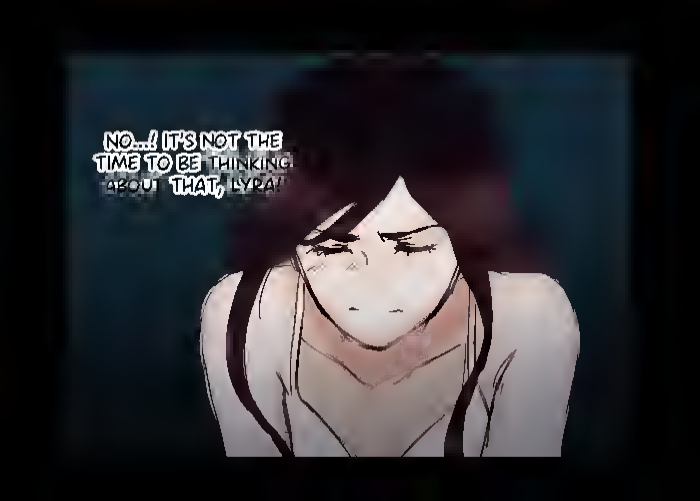
NO CAN DO, FISH BAIT. THE DEAL WAS SEALED WHEN WE KISSED.
KISS...?

N... NO WAY!



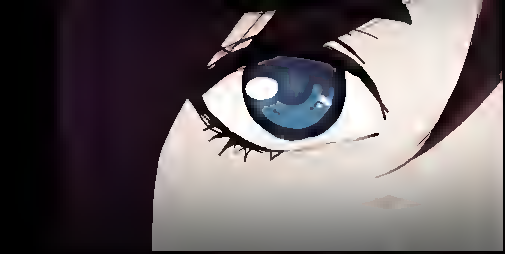
CHEEKY...!!

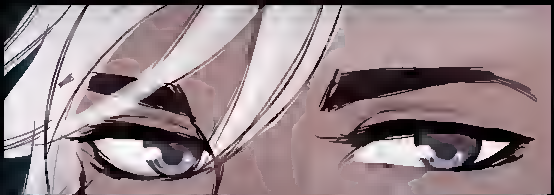
ALTHOUGH... PERHAPS I WAS...

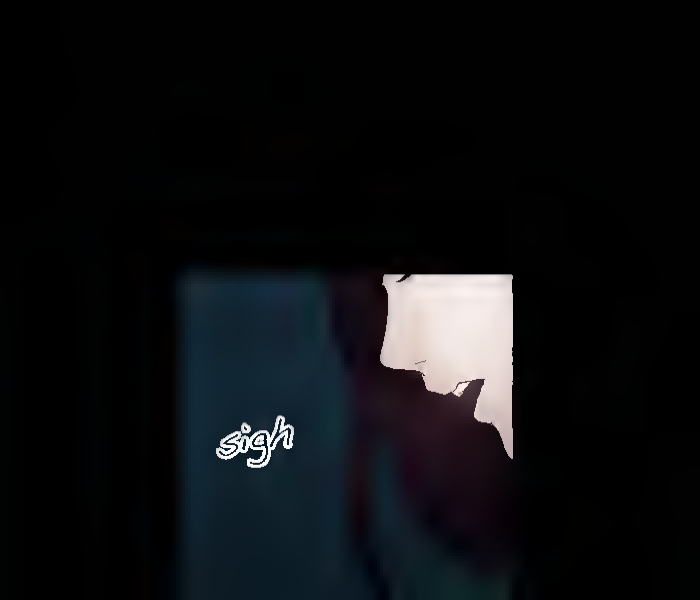

NO...! IT'S NOT THE TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT THAT, LYRA!

WELL, WHATEVER HAPPENED... YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT BACK.
I CAN'T JUST ACCEPT THIS. I... HAVE A LIFE THAT I WANT TO LIVE.

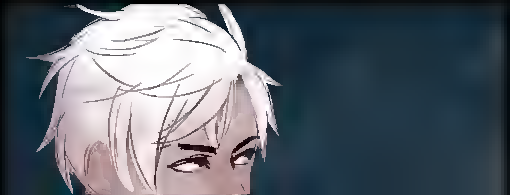
AND YOU THINK
I DON'T...?





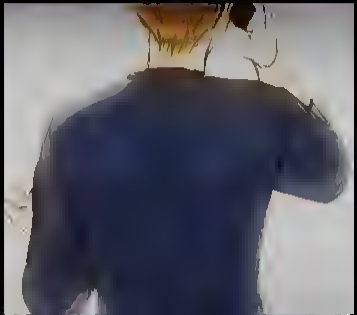

sigh

HOW ARE YOU
FEELING?



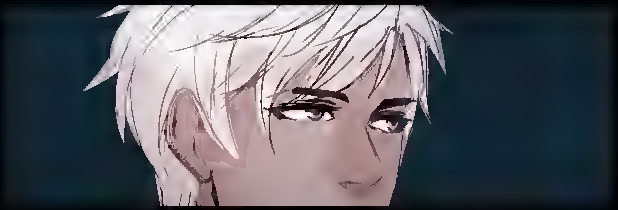
WHAT...?
I ASKED HOW WERE YOU FEELING.

ARE YOU COLD? HUNGRY? ... ANY-THING?
I, FOR ONE, AM EXHAUSTED. TONIGHT'S BEEN A VERY LONG NIGHT FOR ME.



YOU SEE...
IT'S A LOT TO TAKE IN
ON TOP OF EVERYTHING...

LET ALONE ACTUALLY BELIEVING THAT ANY OF THIS IS REAL.



I'M STILL UNCERTAIN

I'M STILL UNCERTAIN ABOUT THIS WHOLE SITUATION.
EVEN WITH WHAT I SAW, IT'S STILL HARD TO PROCESS.

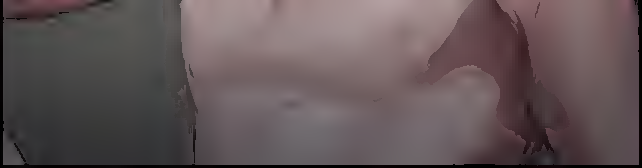
HOWEVER, THE ONE THING I AM CERTAIN ABOUT, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU SAY...

IS THAT I'M GOING TO NEED SOME STRENGTH TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THIS.

AND YOU SEEM LIKE YOU NEED SOMETHING TOO.
SO AS LONG AS YOU PROMISE TO BEHAVE, I WOULDN'T MIND OFFERING A

LITTLE BIT OF HOSPITALITY.
UNTIL EVERYTHING GETS SORTED OUT, THAT IS.

AND IF I
DON'T BEHAVE...?

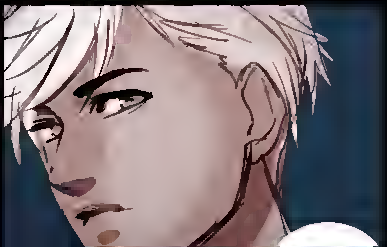


OKAY, I GET IT

IT WAS A JOKE, LIGHTEN UP. GEEZ...
... CAN YOU STAND?
YEAH, I THINK I GOT IT.

I'M LYRA, BY THE WAY. I DON'T THINK I CAUGHT YOUR NAME?
I CAN'T REALLY SAY.

FORGETTING YOUR IDENTITY IS PART OF THE CURSE, BUT SIRENS CAN ADOPT A NAME TO THEIR LIKING.
I JUST HAVEN'T FOUND A NAME WORTHY OF MY AWESOMENESS IS ALL.



IAN.
IF YOU CAN'T DECIDE ON SOMETHING, I'M JUST GOING TO CALL YOU "IAN" FOR NOW.

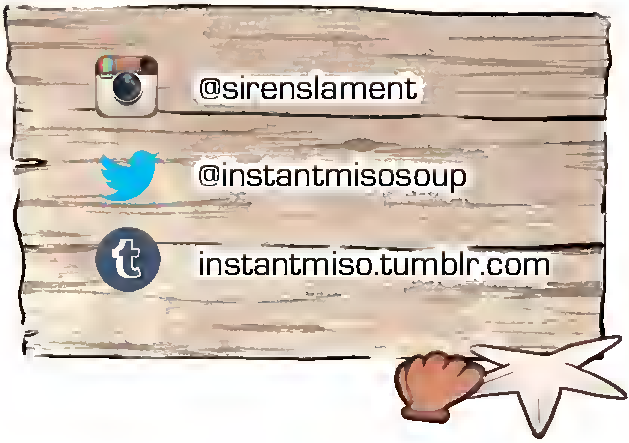
HEY! YOU CAN'T JUST JUST DECIDE MY NAME FOR ME!
OH? BUT "IAN" IS A VERY MASCULINE AND POPULAR NAME.

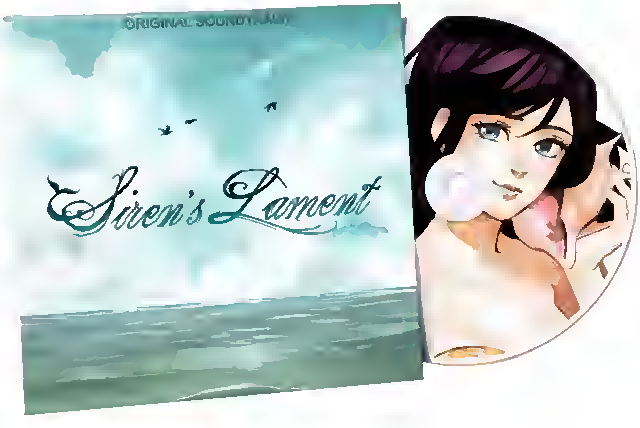
I GUESS IT WILL
DO FOR NOW.
HE'S NOT VERY
HARD TO PERSUADE...

WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT "IAN" IS ACTUALLY THE NAME OF MY FORMER PET FISH.

Siren's Lament

instantmisa


@sirenslament
@instantmisosoup
instantmiso.tumblr.com



NAME OF THE SONG:

TRACK 6

<One certainty>

Background music by

KennyComics

Thank you all for
participating in the event

Additional mails will be sent
for those who's mail systems
that blocked mails from us

There might be another event
in the future